

Hudson-Evans House

Address: 79 Alfred

Local		
State	v	11/15/73
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Hudson-Evan House, 2002



Historic Overview:

The house was built circa 1873 for a local ship owner, Philo Wright; this three-story red brick structure was designed in the French Second Empire style. Most of its stylistic details are still intact, such as the slate pattern of the mansard roof and the elaborate two-story bay windows on both side of the house. In 1882, the house was a wedding present to Grace Whitney Evans, daughter of the lumber baron, David Whitney Jr. She later became involved in charitable activities and was the first president of the Detroit Y.W.C.A. Between 1894 and 1904 Mrs. Evans rented the house to Joseph Lowthian Hudson, founder of Detroit's J. L. Hudson department store.

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